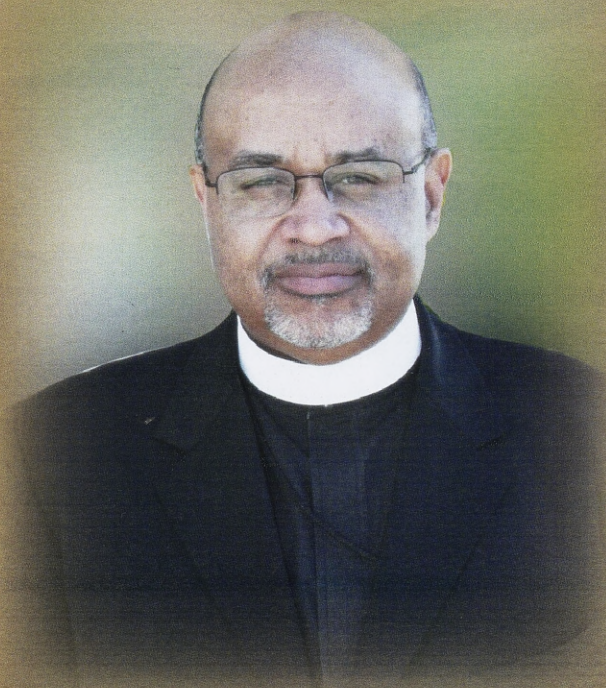


Remembering the Life of

# *Elder David McClure Jr.*



*Sunrise*

*May 20, 1957*

*Sunset*

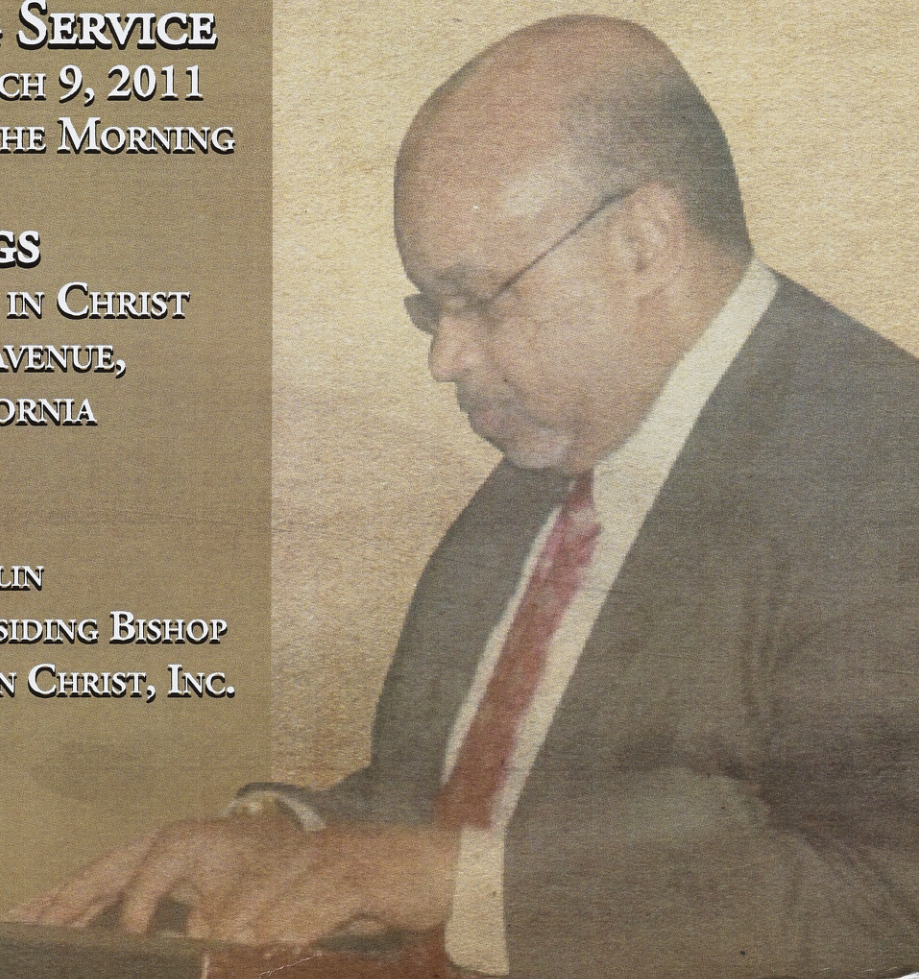
*March 1, 2011*



**HOMEGOING SERVICE**  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2011  
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

**GLAD TIDINGS**  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
27689 TYRRELL AVENUE,  
HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA

**OFFICIANT**  
BISHOP J.W. MACKLIN  
2ND ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.





## Elder David McClure, Jr.

David McClure, Jr. was born and raised in Oakland California, to the proud parents of David & Morine McClure. He was their first born and only son. He matriculated locally through the Oakland Public Schools, ultimately graduating from Oakland Technical High School, then furthering his education at the College of Alameda. During these formative years, he was reared and nurtured spiritually at Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Superintendent V. F. Devers and later the late Supt. John M. Evans.

### ***"And David was a Man after God's Own Heart"***

1Sam 13:4 Like many young people David had a great passion for music. This passion grew when he accepted the Lord and was saved and filled

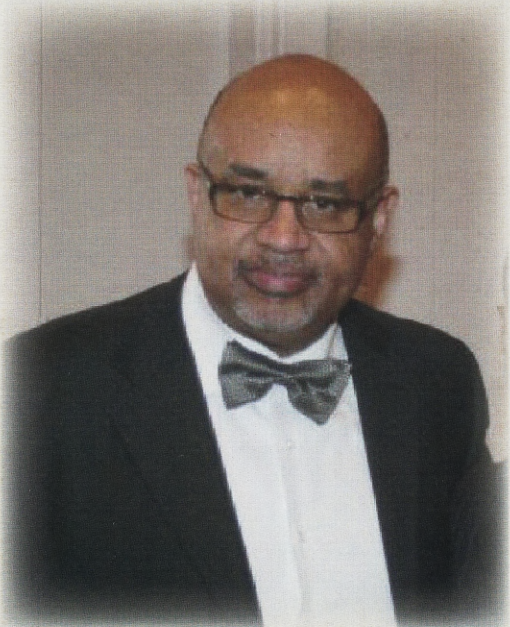
with the Holy Ghost. At the age of sixteen Supt. Devers (affectionately known as; Papa Devers) appointed him to the ministry that would feed his passion, as he became the musician for the Mingleton Temple COGIC.

### ***"I Have Seen David...who is Skillful in playing"***

1Sam 16:18 He would often give testimony of the day Papa Devers, who David highly respected, took him into his office and said "son, the church does not have a musician right now and you are now going to be my musician." In a spirit of hesitation and humility, young David tried to explain to Papa Devers that he could only play in one key", but Papa Devers would have none of it and called for the blessed oil and "anointed my hands and prayed for me and from there instructed the choir to sing all their songs in that one key." Young David then made a vow to the Lord he wouldn't take back and said he would always play for the Lord exclusively, and to His glory. And play he did. International notables beckoned and called for him as the late Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, who was embarking upon a national crusade, insisted the young David McClure accompany him

throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

In 1979 he met and married Carolyn Tevis and to this union they were blessed with three children Brian, David IV and Natasha. It was during 1981 that David McClure heard the voice of Jesus and began his gospel ministry, and was ultimately ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ.



### ***"Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad."***

~Author Unknown David always played a very active roll in his children's lives and activities. He did this while feeding another passion of his – Sports! He became the school's basketball and track coach and booster club president at St. Louis Bertrand Catholic School in Oakland and nurtured all

of his children every step of the way. He did this with his normal commitment and passion. Golfing was also passion, as well as attending Golden State Warrior basketball games with his dear friends.

In 1982, after visiting the Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ in Hayward, Elder. McClure became inspired by the vision of Bishop J.W. Macklin and began to assist in organizing the 8:00 am worship service, where God truly blessed the ministry.

In 1987 he united in holy matrimony to Gwendolyn Williams and together they raised a blended family of 4 children which now included Candace. He was a committed husband and worked hard to take care of his wife and family.

### ***"that I might dwell in the house of the Lord, forever."***

Ps. 23:6 In 1991, the Lord moved upon him to unite his family in membership with the Glad Tidings Church and he immersed himself in the ministry in various capacities, i.e. Sunday School teacher, Men's Choir Director and Performing Arts



Ministry. He was later appointed to Divisional Director of the Exalt Division overseeing of the Usher Board, Pulpit Aids, Campus Greeters, Sanctuary Greeters, Music ministry, Prayer ministry and the Public Relations auxiliary. Most recently, He served as Discipleship Teacher, and Director of Men's Ministry to which he fully devoted himself.

***"Whatever your life's work is, do it well."*** **MLK** Elder McClure worked in Management for over 30 years with Kaiser Aluminum, Fed Ex Home Delivery, Brinks, Glidden and Fuller O'Brien Companies, but most recently with Hillyard Corporation as their Operations Manager. He was responsible for many employees, and known for his reliability and ability to get the job done.

***His favorite inspirations;*** "I will bless the Lord at all times: and his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Psalms 34: 1-3 and "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight – Oh Lord my strength and my redeemer." Psalms 19:14

***\*Living Legacy:*** He wanted people to be "timely" and the best that they could be, and would do what he could to help them accomplish that goal.

***A few of Elder McClure's favorite sermons:***

"Whatever you do; Don't Throw in the Towel"

"Don't Panic"

"No Room for Excuses"

"Too Close to the Edge"

"Faith in an Impossible Situation"

*He leaves precious memories with his wife of 24 years Gwendolyn M. McClure, and their children; Brian McClure (Holly), Candace Laughinghouse (Jekelvin) David McClure IV (Joy) and Natasha Miller (Arguster). Seven grandsons, Dalvin, Shandon, Jordon, Jaron, Justin, Judah, Jadon, three grand daughters Jacqlyn, Anisah and Arianna and \*Natayah April 2011. Two sisters Olivia Carson (Bruce), and Vanessa McDaniel (his nephew Larry McDaniel Jr and niece Shayla McDaniel), 4 Goddaughters, Quaneshia, Diamond, Emiko and Nia, his mother and father-in-law, 4 sister-in-laws, 5 brother in-laws and a host of many other nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Also his Mingleton Temple and Glad Tidings church family.*



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his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:  
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.*

*O magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.*



*Homegoing Celebration For*  
*Elder David McClure Jr.*

*Wednesday, March 9, 2011 • 10:00 am*

**MASTERS OF CEREMONY**

*Pastor Mark Clifton   Pastor Keith Williams*

PRAISE & WORSHIP ..... Pam & Kevin Sharp

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading: ..... Elder A. Caves

New Testament Reading ..... Elder R. Bulness

Invocation ..... Pastor Mario Harris

EXPRESSIONS

COLLEAGUES & ASSOCIATES REMEMBERS ..... Hillyard Inc; Scott Hillyard, President  
Jack George, VP Corporate Distributors  
Jim Borup, General Manager

MINGLETON TEMPLE REMEMBERS ..... Deacon and Sister McElhaney's

GLAD TIDINGS REMEMBERS ..... Men's Fellowship; Brother Willie Logan  
Women's Fellowship; Missionary Vanessa J. Macklin  
Elders; Elder Marcus Williams

FRIENDS AND FAMILY REMEMBERS ..... Miss'y Lavada G. Williams-Gutierrez, Mother-in-law  
Bishop Melvin Scott, Richmond, CA  
Pastor Ronnie Thompson, Prayer Tower C.O.G.I.C.  
McClure\Harris Family, Elder Leon Harris (Uncle Sonny)



Special Tribute: Grandchildren: ..... Jaron Heim Jr. (accompanied by Candace Laughinghouse)  
Children/ His Pride and Joy: ..... Brian McClure

SELECTION..... Glad Tidings Mass Choir

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CLERGY & SPECIAL GUESTS

(Pulpit- 2 minutes please)..... Pastor Michael Hill, Detroit, MI  
Bishop E. Reams, Center of Hope, Oakland, CA  
Bishop A. Galbraith, Jurisdictional Prelate, Northern California First Jurisdiction

SELECTION..... Glad Tidings Men's Choir

RESOLUTIONS & TRIBUTES .....Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ, Hayward, CA  
Nor Cal Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction  
Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr., Presiding Bishop, Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONDOLENCES .....Missionary Theresa Macklin-Johnson

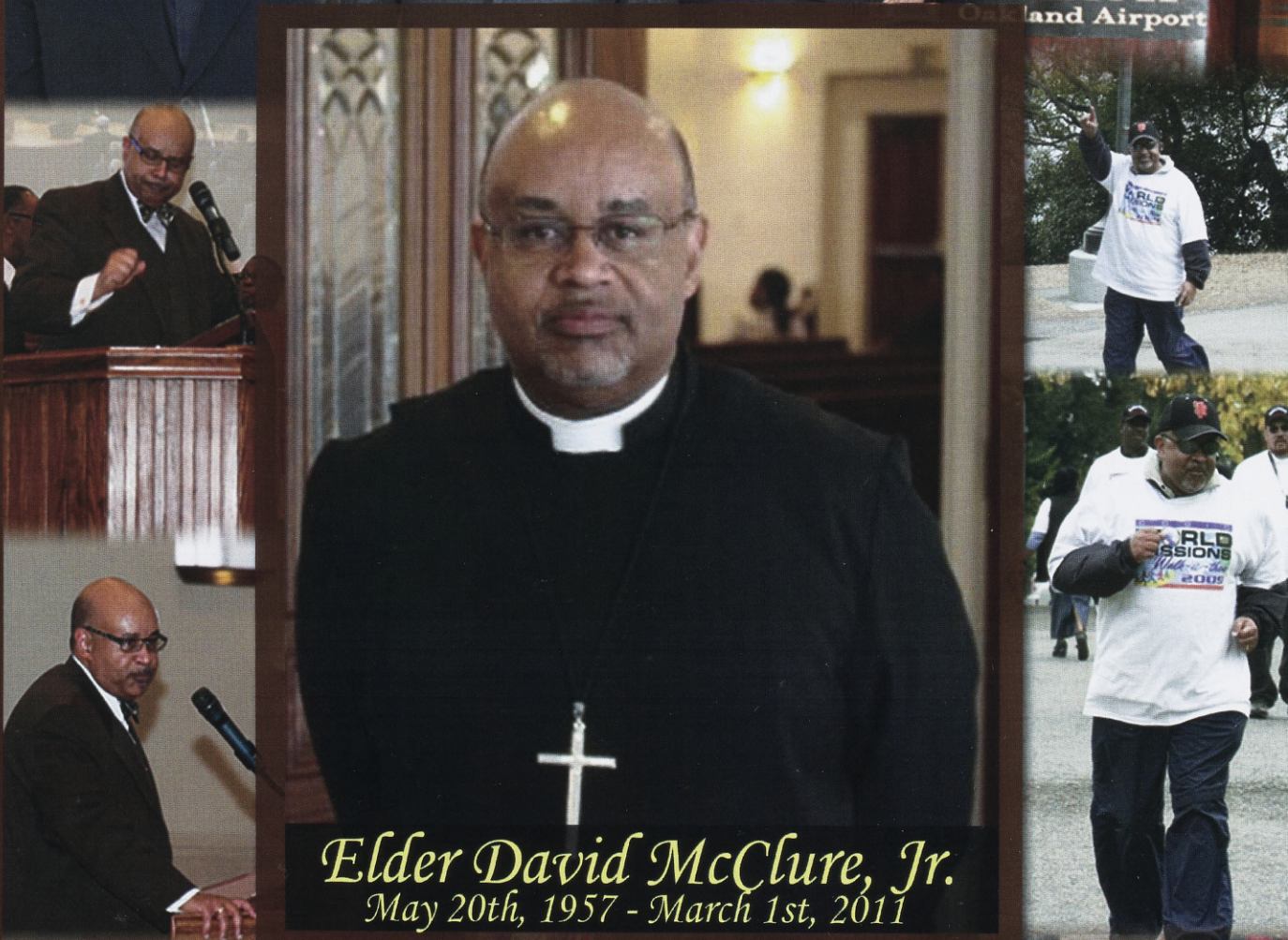
OBITUARY READING ..... Sister Selerstine Felts

SERMONIC SELECTION..... Lady Pamela Hunt  
God's Grace Church of God In Christ, Sacramento, CA

EULOGY..... Bishop J.W. Macklin  
2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church Of God In Christ, Inc.  
Prelate, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction  
Pastor, Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ

#### RECESSIONAL





*Elder David McClure, Jr.*  
*May 20th, 1957 - March 1st, 2011*



*Psalm 34:1-3 I will bless the LORD at all times...*



# Tributes to Elder David McClure, Jr.

David; I could never put into words how much I am going to miss you. Together we have shared many seasons down through the years, but through them all, we went through them together and walked out together! You have been an awesome husband, father and friend. My heart is so heavy that I will not be able to hear your voice and see that blushing smile when we flirt with one another. I love you so much and the pain of missing you is only comforted by the fact that I must live and work so I can see you again. You so deserve your restful sleep while safe in the arms of our Savior. - My Love My David - Your Gwen.



Dear Daddy,

You were the best daddy in the world! Thank you for the daddy daughter dates you took me on as a child to show me how my husband should treat me. Most importantly, thank you for being a God fearing man and training me up in the way that I should go, teaching me how to pray and to read my bible. I will keep your smile in my heart forever; until we meet again daddy. - From your baby girl - Natasha Miller

To Papa,

Thank you for taking me to the Golden State Warriors game and getting me the Warriors shirt! - Love Jaron

Dad

Words can't really express how I feel about you Dad, I was truly blessed to have a father like you that taught me so many valuable lessons about life. Michael Jordan may be my favorite basketball player, but my hero was my Dad. You coached me in more than basketball...you coached me through life. You taught me the responsibilities of manhood and for that I am eternally grateful. I will miss you. - David IV



Dad

Words can not express my gratitude. You ran the race and made it home. I am grateful for our life together but I am heartbroken. I'll miss you Dad. - Brian

Daddy David

I would like to thank you for the love you showed me as your son-in-law. Thank you for all the advice given to me about marriage, ministry and basketball. Until we meet again. Love You! - Jekelvin

Daddy David, thank you for being my mother's best friend and my first impression of what a husband should be. You stepped in to my life 26 years ago. Because of you, I was the only girl on the boys basketball team, later excelled in high school sports, and became a "preacher's musician" amongst my seminarian colleagues. I inherited my gift, which you nurtured with Godly character. You taught me to "treat people better than you want to be treated" and I will

continue to do so. I will miss you and always reminisce on our daily texts, emails and brief weekly phone chats. Love you - Candace





*Papa,  
I enjoyed watching ESPN with you and playing the piano on  
Christmas day. Love you - Arianna*

*As I reflect upon Saturday, January 15, 2011, I think about our  
time together; talking, laughing, eating, etc. I never thought it  
would be our last time together, but God knew. I am so thankful  
HE gave me a Special Gift.....spending time with YOU. My  
precious brother, I Love You. Your Sister, Vanessa*

*....A man after God's own heart. ... when he played the organ  
with his hands we were refreshed. ...do you see a man who excels  
in work? He will stand before kings, he will not stand before  
unknown men.....he didn't forsake the assembling of ourselves, but exhorted others....a friend who loved at all  
times and a brother who was born for diversity....how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of  
peace and bring glad tidings of good things...he preached the Word, in season and out of season...he fought a  
good fight...he finished the course...he kept the faith. Oh David, if we could all finish like you... - Your sister  
Olivia*

*Elder McClure was so much too so many people. He was always willing to become a father to those who  
needed one, a brother (my dad and mom), an uncle (Me), a friend, and an employer. He was an awesome  
example of what it means to be a Godly man. His relationship with God, his wife and his kids showed me that  
strong families were possible. I had great examples in my parents, and I had great examples in Eld. and Sister  
McClure as well. Thanks for being there for my family, I will always appreciate the influence that you had in  
my life. - Lonzo Caves II*

*To My California Dad, You have left a mark on my life that can never be erased. Thank you for taking me under  
your wing and guiding me into the next level of manhood. I will never forget how you believed in me and never  
forget the countless "free advice." You have been my father, my mentor, and my friend. - Kenneth E. Brock II*

*Sunday morning after the men's breakfast, - just before the march, Elder McClure called me to the side and  
ministered to me. He let me know that he knew what I was going through because he'd been there himself, but  
time would not permit him to tell it all. He said with such conviction that God knows all things and is able to  
fix anything and can change my life and turn it around - if I just allowed him to and there is nothing to hard  
for God. Thank you Elder McClure I will miss you - Bro. Kenneth Smith*

*As a precious part of our family, our brother shared his wisdom and love. Heartfelt prayers to the McClure  
family. - From the Tevis Family*

*Elder McClure, a spiritual mentor and great friend and my wife  
and I thank God for using him to guide us in our walk with  
Christ. He watered the seed so that God could give the increase  
and we are so thankful. -*

*Terry and Janna McDaniel / Oakland Raiders*

*Uncle David,  
Although we are apart, your spirit will forever live within our  
hearts. To reminisce on our childhood is to think of you and all  
the wonderful words of encouragement, love and support you  
showed us. We love you- Danielle, Kimberly, Robyn and BJ*



*David, you asked me if I was willing to say the sinners prayer over 21 years ago. I did and I have been saved  
ever since. God sent you - and now he has sent for you; rest in peace brother-in-law. - Celeste*





*David McClure did all that was expected of a young man. He was devoted to his family, to his fellow workers, to his community and to his church. He honored his mother and father. How shall I remember him? One afternoon, we attended his mother's birthday party. There was good food and fellowship. It was a sunny day, and the weather was pleasant. Without being prompted, David sat down at the keyboard and began to lead us in song. I won't forget that happy afternoon of a perfect day, and David at the keyboard, leading us in song. - Ishmael Reed*

*Tribute to David - Let me begin by saying that we go back so far & I Thank God for you. Thank you for being a wonderful husband to my dear sister Gwen, a Awesome Dad to your children, a mentor to many & A Wonderful friend to us all!! Enter into your eternal rest. - Brenda Logan*

*A Good Friend He Was One of the Very Best, He lived his Life For Christ, Now taking His sweet Rest! You touched so many live especially Pastors and Mine; and our Friendship together was really Divine. I can hear you playing the Organ One of those COGIC songs, encouraging the Saints & Friends to forever "HOLD ON! Your Sis. Lady Vannette Williams*

*A True Man of Valor, a Man after God's own Heart, but most importantly a Servant of God and more than willing to lay his life down for his friends! - Keith Williams, Jr.*

*"Uncle David, thank you for being a highly motivated and energetic basketball coach & always supporting me, for barbecuing amazing ribs, and for enforcing a clean home. I will miss you and I am happy you are in a much better place. I love you!" - Your Niece, Angel*

*Trying to verbalize what impact Elder McClure had on my life has proven near impossible. I can say that knowing you since age 15 (Sunday dinners with greens and fried chicken) has been a blessing. I always appreciated your advice and am thankful for the reminders you lovingly gave: seek the Lord first, respect my parents and strive to be a good parent, understand the importance of commitment and honesty in relationships, act with integrity and dignity in the workplace (Fed-Ex Home Delivery) and GET AN EDUCATION! As I have grown from a young lady to a woman, you were always one of my biggest supporters and for that I say thank you. Farewell my friend. You will be forever missed and remembered. - Shaun Mc Elrath*

*Uncle David, Words can't explain what you mean to me. Words can't describe what you have taught me. I just want to say thank you for showing me what it means to be a man. Forever in my heart, your biggest nephew Doc! - Geary*





*A brother always prays that his sister will meet a good "god fearing man" that will cherish and respect her and treat her like a queen. I feel very blessed that she met a man named David McClure Jr. who not only met but exceeded those prayers. - Your brother-in-law; Phillip M. -Kelley*

*You are the best God father any God daughter could have. You always had smiles even when you were tired. You always made sure I was doing well and encouraged me to do things the right way. I remember when I didn't have my grades up you would ask "You don't want me to come to the school, do you?" I would say "No God daddy." But eventually, I knew you would come by anyway. I just want to say thank you for your smiles, your hugs, and your love that you shared with me. You hold a very special and dear place in my life now and always. - Niya Serrano*



*Dave, you are the brother I never had and the friend I always wanted. Thank you for your concern, support, advice (both welcomed and unwelcomed) and love not just for me, but for my entire family. I will miss your laughter, smile and the "holla" you would shout out when the Raiders made a touchdown. You are a giant in the eyes of man and a pleasure in the sight of God! I will miss you dearly. - Sherrye Turner*

*Brother in-law, what can I say, you were there when I had a flat tire and Gwen was with me. Later you both became engaged and married. This started our lives together as a family. We've had so many good times together. You know I loved going over and spending time with little mama until the Lord called her home. I know it's appointed unto man once to die, and now it's your time to report for duty, as we all must do. Sleep on David and I'll see you in the morning. - Your sister-in-law; Dolly*

*For our dear Elder McClure; brother, mentor and colleague we salute you in your faithful service as you tirelessly gave of yourself uplifting the name of our savior in your concern for others within the body of Christ as well as those out of the body. We are reminded by the word of GOD (Hebrews 6:10) For GOD is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. As you taught our class with dedication and fervor, you enhanced the lives and homes of many women and men for the Kingdom. Your passion ignited spiritual sparks in all of us; truly you are and will be missed. But we rejoice because our Father has prepared your heavenly abode and wanted you to be with him. As we bid you farewell we will continue the work, teaching and exhorting our brothers and sisters and encouraging one another in the word of GOD. - The Foundations for Discipleship Staff*

*To the McClure Family:*

*My heart was saddened when I heard of the untimely death of my dear brother. Eld. McClure befriended me in the late 90's. He was a fan of the Raiders and became a fan of mine. More importantly, I became a fan of his. We would often engage in conversations about things other than football when he would come by my home to pick up tickets for the games. I was known for kicking my family out of the house on Saturdays so I can start my "mental" preparations for the game, but in time, I look forward to him interrupting that time. He is someone I will never forget when I think of my time in Oakland. He will be missed.*

*To the family, as I get older, I realize the importance of having a deep relationship with God. Things happen to us that we will never be able to understand without God being present. I pray that after the tears, you will be able to honor the memory of such a great man. God Bless and God Speed!*

*- Tim Brown, Oakland Raiders*

*Brother David...*

*I could almost hear God telling you as you came into his presence.... "Welcome, good and faithful servant" I will miss you terribly, but take great comfort in knowing that you are in heaven with our Father.*

*- Rob Sammons*



# *Glad Tidings*

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
Men's Ministry

Presents to

*Elder David McClure, Jr.*

We the men of The Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ,  
in recognition of your hard work and diligence,  
as the Director of Men's Ministry salute you for your  
efforts in leadership for the past years of service.  
We thank you for giving us fellowship through the  
J.W. Macklin Annual Golf Tournament and for  
leading us in our Annual Men's Conference.

***Sunday February 27th, in the year of our Lord, 2011.***

Bishop J.W. Macklin  
Founder/Sr. Pastor





### *Active Pallbearers*

Rob Sammons

Geary Bledsoe

Marcus Gaithright

Hotilio Ruiz

Russell Jefferson

Robert L. Turner

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Ken Brock

Dondi Riley

Bruce Carson

William Kretchmer

Lonzo Caves II

Maurice McElhaney

The Elders and Ministers of Glad Tidings Church

### *Family Acknowledgement*

*On behalf of the McClure family, please accept our sincere gratitude  
for the love and kindness you have shown during this challenging hour in our lives.*

*May God's choice blessings surround you for the honor shown to the life and legacy  
of Elder David McClure, Jr. "A good and faithful servant... for His purpose"*

### *Final Arrangements Entrusted to*

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